

Communion Antiphon:

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

## SATURDAY

### St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors

*Basil was born in 330 at Caesarea, and died there on 1<sup>st</sup> January 379. He was first a hermit, then bishop of his native city. He is remembered for his writings which developed the doctrine of the incarnation and the divinity of the Holy Spirit.*

*Gregory was born in Turkey in 329 and died in 389 he was also a hermit before becoming a bishop of Constantinople and he was known as the "Theologian" because of his learning an eloquence in maintaining orthodoxy against the Arians.*

Entrance Antiphon:

Let the peoples recount the wisdom of the Saints, and let the Church proclaim their praise. Their names will live on and on.

First Reading: 1 John 3: 7-10

*He cannot sin when he has been begotten by God.*

Responsorial Psalm:

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us. To all who received him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1:35- 42

*We have found the Messiah.*

Communion Antiphon:

We proclaim Christ crucified; Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God.

### A PRAYER IN TIME OF DANGER & ILLNESS

God Our Father, each person is precious to You.

You are the Giver of life.

Have mercy on us and protect us at this time,

as the Coronavirus threatens health and life.

You are an ever-present Helper in time of trouble.

Watch over those who are suffering,

give strength to those who are aiding the sick

and give courage to all in this time of anxiety.

We ask this of you in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen

### SYNOD PRAYER

Father, we thank you for the love you have shown us in the gift of Jesus, your Son.

We thank you for the gift of the Church, through which you show us that you are always with us and are always at work in our lives.

As we journey together to Synod 2020

help us to become the Church that you are calling us to be.

May your Holy Spirit be powerfully at work among us.

Strengthen each of us and guide Francis, our Pope and Malcolm, our Archbishop.

Help us to respond to the challenges of our times in new ways to bring your love to all our sisters and brothers.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen

## WEEKDAY MASS SHEET

### CHRISTMASTIDE II

27<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2021

#### OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*We pray especially for: Openness to the Word of God, Migrants and Refugees and Expectant Mothers.*

#### THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS

*Evangelisation - For a life of prayer*

*We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.*

## MONDAY

### THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

*This day commemorates the slaughter, by Herod, of all children under the age of two in Bethlehem at the time Jesus was born.*

Entrance Antiphon:

The innocents were slaughtered as infants for Christ; spotless, they follow the Lamb and sing for ever: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gloria

First Reading: 1 John 1: 5-2: 2

*The blood of Jesus Christ purifies us from all sin.*

Responsorial Psalm:

Our life, like a bird, has escaped from the snare of the fowler.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! We praise you, O God, we acknowledge you to be the Lord. The noble army of martyrs praise you, O Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 2: 13-18

*In Bethlehem Herod had all the male children killed.*

The Creed

Communion Antiphon:

Behold those redeemed as the first fruits of the human race for God and the Lamb, and who follow the Lamb wherever he goes.

## TUESDAY

### ST THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP & MARTYR

*Thomas rose to become Chancellor of England for King Henry II and became Archbishop of Canterbury.*

Entrance Antiphon:

In the presence of kings, O Lord, I will declare your will, for your commands have been my delight.

The Gloria

First Reading: Colossians 1: 24-29

*I became the servant of the Church.*

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 22: 24-30

*I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father conferred one on me.*

Communion Antiphon:

Whoever loses his life for my sake, will find it in eternity, says the Lord.

## WEDNESDAY

### SIXTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS OCTAVE

Entrance Antiphon:

When a profound silence covered all things and night was in the middle of its course, your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne.

The Gloria is said

First Reading: I John 2: 12-17

*Anyone who does the will of God remains for ever.*

Responsorial Psalm:

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2: 36-40

*She spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.*

Communion Antiphon:

From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

## THURSDAY

### SEVENTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS OCTAVE

#### *Saint Sylvester I, Pope*

*Became Pope in 314 and ruled the church during the reign of newly converted Constantine. Built the Basilica of Saint John Lateran and other churches. Sent legates to the First Council of Nicaea, and was involved in the controversy over Arianism.*

Entrance Antiphon:

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

The Gloria

First Reading: 1 John 2: 18-21

*You have been anointed by the Holy one and have all received the knowledge.*

Responsorial Psalm:

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! A hallowed day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, worship the Lord, for today a great light has shone down upon the earth. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1: 1-18

*The Word was made flesh.*

Communion Antiphon:

God sent his Only Begotten Son into the world, so that we might have life through him.

## FRIDAY

### MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

Entrance Antiphon:

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth forever.

The Gloria

First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

*They are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.*

Responsorial Psalm:

O God, be gracious and bless us.

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

*God sent his Son, born of a woman.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

*The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem and found the baby lying in the manger.*

The Creed